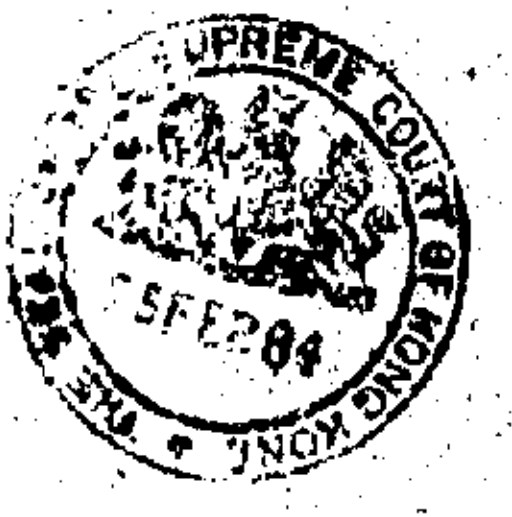


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Intimations.



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LAND OFFICE, ELORA.

NOTICE.

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decided to keep on the Hongkong side of
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HARBOUR DEPARTMENT,
Hongkong, February 6, 1884.

SAILOR'S HOME.

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Hongkong, July 26, 1883.

Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifteenth Ordinary MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS in the Com-
pany will be held at the Company's Office,
No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at Three
o'clock in the Afternoon of TUESDAY,
the 26th February instant, for the purpose
of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and
the Report of the Directors for the year
ending 31st December, 1883.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 26th
Instant, both days inclusive.
By Order,
JAS. B. COUGHLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1884. 219
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING
of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in
the Office of the Company, No. 14,
Praya Central, on TUESDAY, the 26th
Instant, at 3.30 p.m., for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Directors, and
a Statement of Accounts to 31st December,
1883.
The Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, the 26th
Instant, the 26th Instant, both days
inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 4, 1884. 214
THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fifteenth Ordinary Annual MEET-
ING of SHAREHOLDERS in the
above Company will be held at the Office
of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, at
1 o'clock, Noon, of THURSDAY, the
29th February instant, to receive a State-
ment of Accounts to the 31st December,
1883, the Report of the General Managers,
and to elect a Consulting Committee and
Auditors.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, February 4, 1884. 220
THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 15th to the
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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Or-
dinary Yearly MEETING of the
SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION
will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong,
on THURSDAY, the 28th day of February
instant, at THREE o'clock p.m., for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the Court
of Directors, together with a Statement of
Accounts to 31st December, 1883.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 5, 1884. 230

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the
REGISTER of SHARES in the
CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the
14th to the 28th February instant (both
days inclusive) during which period no
Transfer of Shares can be registered.
By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 5, 1884. 231

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.
THE Annual General MEETING of the
MEMBERS of the HONGKONG
GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
will be held on FRIDAY, the 29th Instant,
at 3.30 p.m., at the City Hall.
By Order,
E. GEORGE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 19, 1884. 318

HONGKONG ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE.

NOTICE.

A General MEETING of MEMBERS of
the above will be held on WEDNES-
DAY, the 6th March, at the Institute
Rooms, at 8.15 p.m.
JAMES K. REEBECK,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 21, 1884. 320

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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31st DECEMBER.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 13, 1883. 121

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE.

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Singapore, 8th December, 1883. 183

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A. MEYER,
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Hongkong, January 23, 1884. 169

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Hongkong, January 31, 1884. 188

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ON TUESDAY, the 26th February,
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with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIM,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

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the Agency's Office.)

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I. MARTIN,
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Hongkong, February 14, 1884. 284

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H. J. H. TRIPP,
Agent.

Hongkong, February 21, 1884. 328

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Owners will be Responsible for
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Hongkong, February 21, 1884. 328

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Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 853

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Risks on First Class Goods at 1/2
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Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 938

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Company, are authorized to insure
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GILMAN & Co.,
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FEB. 23, 1884.

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Shares, Value, Paid-up, Dividend, Interest, Last Dividend, Closing Price, Cash.

BANKS.
H.K. and Shanghai
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THE FRENCH MILITARY OPERATIONS IN TONKIN.

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Haliphong, Feb. 19th.

The fifth epoch in the history of the French expedition to Tonkin was inaugurated by the arrival of the new commander-in-chief by the M. M. mail steamer *Saigon* on the 11th inst. General Millot and Brigadier Generals Négrier and Brière de L'Isle, with the members of the staff, after the breakdown of the transport *Vauban* at Colombo, proceeded on their journey as far as Saigon by the M. M. steamer *Anadyr*, and reached Haliphong about the time of the arrival of the first detachment of the new reinforcements in the chartered transport *Camarin*. The officers on the staff of General Millot are Colonel Gervin, chief of the staff, Commandant Crétin, second, Captain Glus, of the artillery, Lieut. Haefelville, of the navy, and Captains Delacour and Vignacourt, attached. The commander-in-chief, accompanied by his staff, landed at 7.30 a.m. on the 14th, and was saluted with a salvo of eighteen guns from the fort upon disembarking. After being escorted by a guard of honour, composed of infantry of marine and Turcos, to the Residence, for the purpose of paying a visit to M. Marquis, the Resident. The General made a cursory inspection of the defences of the port, and, at noon the same day, accompanied by Generals Négrier and Brière de L'Isle, embarked on board the gunboat *Edouard* for Hanoi. On arriving there Admiral Courbet, who had everything prepared for his departure, officially handed over the command of the expedition to the new chief and embarked at once for Haiphong, to proceed on board his flagship, the *Bayard*, in Halong Bay. Thus ended the naval régime in Tonkin.

Before General Millot's departure to Hanoi Mr. Colquhoun, of the *Times*, succeeded in obtaining a short interview with him, when the General expressed himself as personally favourable to the presence of correspondents with the troops during the pending operations, and intimated that no obstructions should be put in their way of obtaining information of the proceedings of the military or of their freedom to visit any places of interest. This permission is certainly more than was ever granted by M. Harmand or Admiral Courbet, but may, when put to the proof, amount to nothing. At present, as before, the main difficulty is to obtain transport about the country. It is next to impossible to hire a steam launch, and even though the administration put no actual impediment in the way of one's movements, they are very loath to grant a passage, at any price, on government boats.

On the 6th instant, the *Camarin* arrived at Halong Bay, with the first instalment of the new reinforcements from Algeria, and since then four more of the troopships have reached their destination, including the *Annamite*, one of the vessels which left Toulon on the 10th Jan. The other three steamers which have arrived, up to the present, are the transport *Mylio*, which brought up the passengers of the *Vauban*, and the chartered vessels *St. Germain*, *Europeen*, and *Chopin*. Since the 11th instant, Haliphong has assumed quite an animated aspect through the continual arrival and departure of the new troops, who are being despatched to Hanoi and Haidong as rapidly as the service of river transports, steam launches and junks in Government employ, will allow. Owing to the pressing need for transport at the present time, all the new launches which have recently arrived have been chartered by the administration. The new arrivals comprise all the elements necessary to form a complete *corps d'armée*, including field artillery, ambulance train, engineers, baggage train, civil telegraph service and even a balloon train, the latter probably intended for observation and surveying purposes. For the first time since the beginning of the campaign the uniform of the French soldiers of the line is conspicuous among the picturesque mélange of Algerian costumes and the somewhat barbarous colours of the marine infantry. The regular troops are on the whole decidedly superior in discipline and carriage to the marine and about the same in point of physique. A large proportion of the new reinforcements is composed of Algerian troops, Turcos and Foreign Legion, and one battalion of the latter is formed of the famous *Zephyrs*, or corps disciplinaire, whose ranks are supplied from the military prisons and galls of France. These men are necessarily subjected to the severest discipline, as they constitute the most unruly and reckless body of men in the French army. They have, however, distinguished themselves and earned a character as splendid fighting men in the wild campaigns of the French in North Africa. For a picturesque and life-like description of the character and constitution of this corps, I would refer your readers to the pages of Ouida's novel 'Under Two Flags.'

The newly-established telegraph line is now so far complete that communications can be sent through to Paris, but the operating instruments are at present only temporarily fixed up and the line will not be open to the public for the transmission of messages for a few days. I see that the *Salon Inexpensé*, a fortnight ago, stated that the land line from Haliphong to the Bamboo village was completed; this, however, was not the case, as the line is not yet finished, but it is expected to be so in two days. The French director of telegraph

here says that he has received discretionary power as to the precedence to be given to the despatch of messages, and from his remark it would appear probable that in the case of any important intelligence, private or press telegrams would be detained until the official despatches had been forwarded. This is just about what has been expected, and, as the authorities are not always very prompt in sending home their news, it may possibly cause one or two days' delay in transmitting important messages to London from the representatives of the press in Tonkin.

Following up the establishment of telegraphic communication with Europe, the French press seem to have become fully alive at last to the importance of the Tonkin expedition, and are displaying an unwonted enterprise in the despatch of numerous special correspondents. The representatives of the *Temps* and *Havas* Telegraphic Agency arrived here a few weeks since, and now three more 'specials,' representing the *Paris Figaro*, *La France* and the *Evénement*, have come to join the correspondents' staff. M. Paulhan, of the *Evénement*, was out in Tonkin for a short time last summer, but left for Europe through ill health.

Continual change in leaders, policy and officials, seems to be the order of the day here. As soon as a man has been in the country long enough to get some idea of the position of affairs and some knowledge of the characteristics of the people with whom he has to deal he is sent back to France. When M. Harmand arrived all the civil administrators, consuls and others who had any experience in Annam or Tonkin, were unceremoniously cleared out, and now the turn has come for most of the officials who composed the Commissaire General's staff to follow their chief to Europe. M. Massé, administrator and interpreter, one of the very few officials who understand the Annamite language, and by far the most useful man of the Harmand régime, left for home a day or two since. M. Bonnal, the Resident of Hanoi, is I hear, to leave very shortly, and several changes have been made among the members of the post office staff. General Bichot and Colonel Edouard, late chief of the staff to Admiral Courbet, also leaves for home by next mail in one of the returning transports. By the last mail for France, M. Dupuis and Millot also left here for a visit to Europe, intending to return in a few months, when it is possible that some further explorations in Tonkin may be undertaken by these experienced explorers. The main object of M. Dupuis' return to this country on the last occasion, to obtain from the Annamite government some compensation for the seizure and confiscation of some steam launches and other property belonging to him, in 1873, has not been attained, chiefly owing to the hostility and obstructiveness displayed by M. Harmand and his minion, M. Bonnal. On his last visit to Hanoi, however, M. Dupuis received most warmly by the chief mandarin there and was presented by him with a piece of land in the city, much to the disgust of the Resident. Independent enterprise is seldom understood by French officials, and although M. Dupuis has been more instrumental than any other man living in opening Tonkin to French colonization he is looked upon with the greatest suspicion by the civil authorities and thwarted in all his plans for forwarding the interests of commerce and civilization in the country.

The coming attack upon Bac Ninh is naturally at present the one absorbing topic in Haliphong. The operations, as far as is at present known, will commence about the beginning of next month and great preparations are being made for the event. Many opinions are expressed as to the opposition likely to be encountered. From the position of the citadel it is certain that if the French forces can once gain possession of the surrounding hills, the affair resolves itself into a simple bombardment, and wholesale destruction of the fortress and garrison. It is, however, said, on Annamite authority, that so soon as the French forces advance towards the town a general evacuation will take place, the Chinese troops which are supposed to form the garrison retreating towards the frontier by the Tai-nguyen road. The present plan is, I believe, to advance in three columns, from Hanoi, Haidong and Haliphong and if timely notice be received by the garrison of the French advance it will be quite impossible to cut off the retreat by this road. It may be, however, that a stubborn resistance will be made to the occupation of the heights, and thus, as on Sontai, the hardest fighting will occur at the outer works of the position. There can be no doubt as to the eventual result of the operation, with the force at General Millot's command, but it is a question whether the affair is to be merely a triumphal march into a deserted fortress or a real battle. General Négrier, who is to command the brigade from Hanoi, to superintend the preparations for the advance. General Brière de L'Isle will command the column from Haidong.

Why is swearing like an old cat? It's a bad habit.

War is a horrid, constantly ridden and never fed, not likely to be starved?—He has a bit always in his mouth.

War are ladies the big eat thieves? I exist—Because they eat their patients, bore their stary, crib their babies, and hook their eyes.

HONGKONG RACES.

Saturday, 23rd February, 1884.

Stewards.—His Excellency Sir G. F. Bowen, G.C.M.G.; His Excellency Vice-Admiral Wilson, C.B.; His Excellency Major-General Sargent, C.B.; Commodore Cunningham, R.N.; Colonel Walker, R.E.; Lieut. Colonel Crawford, R.A.; Lieut. Colonel Hobson, The Buffs; The Hon. P. Kyrie; The Hon. F. B. Johnson; T. Jackson, Esq.; W. H. Forbes, Esq.; F. D. Sassoon, Esq.; J. Bell Irving, Esq.; W. H. F. Darby, Esq.; G. E. Noble, Esq.; M. Grate, Esq.

Honorary Treasurer.—J. Thurburn, Esq.

Clerk of Course.—H. J. H. Tripp, Esq.

The Hongkong Races for 1884 were concluded this afternoon. Beautiful weather was again enjoyed, and plenty of excitement and amusement were provided by the Steeplechase and Mares' Races, the latter especially affording much genuine fun. His Excellency Sir George Bowen and Lady Bowen were present in the enclosure for a short time.

The thanks of the public at large are due to those gentlemen who had the carrying out of the arrangements of the meeting, which was admirably managed, and gave satisfaction, so far as we can hear, to every one.

Admirable order was preserved inside and outside the course, by a detachment of Police, under Chief Inspector Horspool, and a detachment of the 'Buffs,' and the traffic to and from the Race Course has been extremely well regulated. Altogether the races have been an unqualified success so far as affording pleasure and enjoyment to the community at large is concerned. Whether those who calculated on making a 'pot' of money over the races have done so, is another matter and one in which the general public is not interested.

1.—RUBY CUP.—Presented by Mr. Paul, for all beaten Steeplechase Grifflins. Weight for inches. Seven Furlongs.

Reiner's Belle, 10st. 10lb. 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CAVALIER'S SONG.

Hoist ye, my comrades! the lances are ringing—
Prize Report's in saddle, our Captain's in cut;
The Roundheads are mowing, and mowing
Ye lances are ringing—
Come forth from the camp of the rascally rout!
Our scouts have been hunting to bring in the
warrior.
Since dawn of the day, over moor, fell, and ford,
Our ride will be rough, but long ere this morn's
dawning.
We'll waken the saints with the point of the
sword.

By the fair ladies whose gifts you are wearing—
Who wrought the bright banner which over us
waves.
For love of the four ones be dauntless and dar-
ing.
Strike hard on the flank of the Puritan knaves.
To horse and away! Hark! the clashing
of steel;
Our steeds clump the bit as the foam-balls
they fling.
To saddle, brave hearts! and in the fray fall-
ing.
Our requiem be—that we died for the King!

A NIGHT ADVENTURE WITH A
TIGER AND A SNAKE.

The whereabouts of the tigers could not
be discovered by the natives; they were not
heard of until some one was missing. Their
depredations extended for miles around,
and the wailing of a family bereft of its
support, was only too frequent. I wrote to
have bearers lead from Colimbar to the
nearest point to the Anamulins on a certain
day, and, despairing of finding the country
of those animals, I was marching along
silently, accompanied by my two shikaris,
when I heard what I knew to be a death
scream. I halted, almost ran, towards
the sound, little heeding what noise I made
as I tore through the jungle, followed by
my shikaris, but I might have known, had
I given it a thought, that I should frighten
the tiger away.

There lay a wood-cutter, with his skull
fractured by a single blow, he had been
seized by the neck, whence the blood poured
in torrents, but the man was alone dead.
Here was my opportunity; the man would
not be missed before it was too late to
search for him, so, as I had a little food
with me, I determined to sit over the re-
mains. The moon was at its brightest, I
would not allow the body to be touched; it
lay partially hidden by some fallen bamboo,
but the part generally first attacked, the
buttock, was exposed, so telling my men to
prepare a place on the nearest tree, about
twenty yards off, I examined the ground. There
was a ravine close by, up which the mouse
had crept and pounced upon his victim; I
would probably return the same way. I
saw but the marks of one tiger, whilst my
men declared they hunted in couples; there-
fore, the moon was also very redoubtable,
over the body, being superstitious that the
tiger would be haunted afterwards, but I
knew if I did not avail myself of this chance
I should get no other, so I was firm, and told
them to remain there.

We crept there as noiselessly as
possible. There are often driven off by the
noise must make whilst preparing a cache
with which to take them. The man al-
ready lying down at night. I gently told
them to hold their tongues and to mount,
and if I heard either of them utter a sound
or make the least noise I would fasten him
down close to the corpse. The men knew I
did not threaten and not perform, so,
unwilling as they were, perhaps they had
to obey in silence. We performed busily to
hide our place of concealment; we had no
bedding, no pillows, and the bamboo which
composed the floor of our platform were not
very even or smooth, therefore not pleasant
to sit on for some ten or twelve hours, dur-
ing which we could move neither hand nor
foot.

As the moon rose the trees behind us cast
their shadows over the place where the poor
wood-cutter was lying; time passed, it must
have been about 10, and I was drowsing,
when my arm was gripped by Chinai;
looking round, I found his teeth bared, and
his face as pale as a corpse, whilst the
other man, with his hands over his face,
sat trembling. From these I looked towards
where Chinai's horrible gaze pointed to
something uncanny. I knew the fellow
was afraid of nothing, being, out of the
unseen aspect he had a dread. I too
was taken aback, the ghastly body of
the wood-cutter was slowly moving to and
fro, the arms and legs occasionally lifted
up, whilst no agent was visible. I made
my blood run cold, and I felt a sensation
as if cold water was being poured slowly
down my back along the spine. I suddenly
tossing up, took some with me in case
of accidents or need. I took a nap myself,
and gave the natives a strong dose each.
Still the horrible contortions continued, and
I knew what was to make of this.
"Did I not tell you, sahib," whispered
Chinai, "how wrong it was to sit up over
the body of the Hindu? We should have
carried him to the village and had him
burnt; but now we are all dead men; he
will rise presently and kill us." "Hold
your tongue, you fool!" I replied, "the
dead come to life again in this world;
there is some trick being played upon us."
"Who would venture into these jungles at
this time of night, with these cursed men-
sters about?" Chinai said. "I don't
know, but keep quiet." Here a jackal came
along the ravine and out into the open and
approached the corpse, but, getting within
a few yards, put his tail between his legs,
and with a frightened cry of the Phoebe,
ran for his life. "Well, you believe me
now, sahib?" said Chinai. I was getting
nervous. It is a horrid sight to see a body
full of life only a few hours before, lying out
in the moonlight in its last sleep, and to
know that it met its death by the fell stroke
of a tiger. But the body moved backwards,
its face, before hidden, became exposed;
first one eye opened, then the other, staring
and opening in a most diabolical way.
There was not a sound, and I must own I
should have been glad to have been in bed
in my tent, and never to have seen such a
sight, but, thank goodness, our suspense
was not to last much longer. My two fol-
lowers had succumbed; I believe they had
fainted.

Watching intently, I saw glide across
the chest of the dead man the head of an
immense snake, its head wider than a
large plate across, and its tongue was lick-
ing the corpse all over. The movement of
the limbs and the opening and shutting of
the eyes were fully explained. My feel-
ings of horror disappeared, and I watched
the snake every movement. Digging my
penknife into Chinai's seat of honour,
I made him almost spring off the machine;
he thought it was the devil getting hold
of him at last. After staring like a mad-
man for a while, he perceived the python,
and was, if possible, in a more fright-
ened state. "He is thirty cubits long," he
said, "and will swallow the wood cutter first
and us afterwards." I gave a silent laugh
and pointed to the rifle. The movements
of the snake were insidious; but we could
see the disgusting process of covering the
body with saliva; and after fully two hours
work he opened his horrid jaws and began
to swallow the body head foremost. Once
a python's teeth are so arranged that once
anything enters his mouth it cannot be re-
jected again. Gradually the head and neck
disappeared, then the shoulders and up to
the waist, when there was a terrific roar;
a tiger sprang from the cover right on to
the python, seizing him by the back of the

neck. I have no doubt that death was
instantaneous, as far as the snake was
concerned, but his huge body, in circum-
ference equal to a man's and nearly thirty
feet long, in convulsive movements, wound
round the tiger, and we could hear the
bones being crushed one after the other.
The roar the tiger gave at this first squeeze
was appalling; but in a few moments the
roar turned into moans, the moans into a
gurgling sound, and gradually they too
ceased, while the convulsions of the snake
continued for over an hour. I never saw
such a frightful sight. What is man or
his strength compared to that of either of
the beasts lying dead before us?

We were speechless with horror and sur-
prise at the demoniac and the amazing
strength of a mortal snake. All
signs of life ceased, and we had done for a
while, when we were again by the
noise of tearing of flesh. Peeping over our
lids, there was a tiger or tigers, making
a meal of either the snake, its own
kind, or the dead man. The moon was
under a cloud, so I waited patiently until
it shone again, and then, aiming as well as
I could from the shoulder, I fired both
barrels, and the tigers, for such they
proved, rolled over and over, growling and
roaring, and at last crawled into the ravine,
where we could hear their breathing until
close upon daylight, when it ceased; and
with it I knew either that she had
crawled away or died. Waiting until full
daylight, we descended from our perch.
We first sought the tiger. She lay dead.
We then examined the three bodies, which
presented much the appearance of Luccon
in the embrace of the serpent. Although
life had been extinct for several hours,
when we tried to move the coils from the
tiger's body they resisted so strongly that
I had to send to the village for assistance.
With the aid of over twenty men, and by
cutting open the jaws, we released the body
of the wood-cutter, and stretched out the
body of the python; it measured 25 ft. 6 in.
The tiger lay just above the head of the
wood-cutter, just behind the junction of
the head and body. The tiger, one of the
largest I ever saw, as he measured 10 ft.
2 in. in length, was as if he had been beaten
into a jelly; his bones were crushed to
pieces. The poor wood-cutter, who was
killed the same afternoon.—Times, Feb.
October.

Why is a fine woman like a locomotive?—
Because she draws a train after her, scat-
tering all the good things of the world (metaphor),
and makes us forget time and space.

Why is a man according to Venerable like
an Indian trying to kiss a pretty girl?—
Because he wants to get at the crater's
mouth.

Government Notification.

No. 56.
The following Rules regarding signalling at
the Peak are published for general in-
formation.
By Command,
FREDERICK STEWART,
Acting Colonial Secretary,
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 17th February, 1884.

SIGNAL STATION, VICTORIA PEAK, HONGKONG.

1223 Feet above Sea Level.

1. The Union Jack will be hoisted at the
Mast Head when any vessel is being
signalled.
2. The Commercial Code of Signals for all
Nations will be used at the Station.
3. All Signals made by vessels in the
Offing will be repeated.
4. All Signals made to Men-of-War in the
Harbour or in the Offing, a White Ensign
will be hoisted at the Mast Head, and at the
Mast Head of the Man-of-War.

5. When a Steamer, or the smoke of a
Steamer, is sighted, the Compass Bearing
at the Yard Arm will be hoisted. If the
Mast Head will be hoisted. If, when the
vessel is made out, she is not a Mail Steamer,
the Vessel's Distinguishing Flag will be hoisted
at the Mast Head. If the Mail Steamer, it
will be kept flying until the Ship anchors.
The Distance Signal will be kept up fifteen
minutes after the Steamer is made out.
6. If the Steamer is a regular Mail
Steamer a Gun will be fired, and a Ball over
the English, French, or American Ensign,
with the Distance off at that time, will be
shown at the Yard Arm. If the Mail Steamer
Signal and Symbol will be hoisted down to
the Ball and Ensign will be kept up until
the vessel anchors. The Distance Signal
will be kept flying for half-an-hour, and
changed at each successive half hour to show
the Distance off at that time. When the
vessel is between Green Island and the
North Point of Hongkong the Distance
Signal will be hoisted down. If the Mail
Steamer is not in the Harbour when it is
too dark to distinguish flags, a red light will
be shown at the Mast Head, and a green light
at the Yard Arm until the vessel anchors.

7. River Steamers will not be signalled.
The approach of other Steamers from Macao
or Canton will be made known by showing the
National, or House Flag and Symbol.
8. If a Flag showing that an Officer of
high rank is on board an incoming vessel, a
similar Flag will be shown above the Ball,
or the Flag alone will be hoisted at the
Mast Head.

9. The approach of Men-of-War and Sail-
ing Vessels will be notified by their proper
Symbols and National Colours, or House
Flags, at the Quarter of the Yard, or at the
Yard Arm.

Note.—The Distances of vessels will be made
out from the Peak, and will be made
out by means of the Numbers which are at-
tached to the letters in the table of Flags.

H. G. THOMSON, R.N.,
Harbour Master, &c.

Money Orders.

1.—Money Orders are exchanged with
the following countries:—

Ceylon. South Australia.
Straits Settlements.
Japan. Tamsui.
New South Wales. Tientsin.
Port Darwin. United Kingdom.
Queensland. Western Australia.

2.—The Hongkong Post Office also issues
orders on Shanghai, and vice versa.

3.—The commission is as follows:—
(a) —

Up to £ 2, or \$10, or R 20, .020 cents.

" £ 5, or \$25, or R 50, .040 "

" £ 7, or \$35, or R 70, .060 "

" £10, or \$50, or R100, .080 "

" £15, or \$75, or R150, .120 "

" £20, or \$100, or R200, .160 "

" £25, or \$125, or R250, .200 "

" £30, or \$150, or R300, .240 "

" £35, or \$175, or R350, .280 "

" £40, or \$200, or R400, .320 "

" £45, or \$225, or R450, .360 "

" £50, or \$250, or R500, .400 "

" £55, or \$275, or R550, .440 "

" £60, or \$300, or R600, .480 "

" £65, or \$325, or R650, .520 "

" £70, or \$350, or R700, .560 "

" £75, or \$375, or R750, .600 "

" £80, or \$400, or R800, .640 "

" £85, or \$425, or R850, .680 "

" £90, or \$450, or R900, .720 "

" £95, or \$475, or R950, .760 "

" £100, or \$500, or R1000, .800 "

" £105, or \$525, or R1050, .840 "

" £110, or \$550, or R1100, .880 "

" £115, or \$575, or R1150, .920 "

" £120, or \$600, or R1200, .960 "

" £125, or \$625, or R1250, 1.000 "

" £130, or \$650, or R1300, 1.040 "

" £135, or \$675, or R1350, 1.080 "

" £140, or \$700, or R1400, 1.120 "

" £145, or \$725, or R1450, 1.160 "

" £150, or \$750, or R1500, 1.200 "

" £155, or \$775, or R1550, 1.240 "

" £160, or \$800, or R1600, 1.280 "

" £165, or \$825, or R1650, 1.320 "

" £170, or \$850, or R1700, 1.360 "

" £175, or \$875, or R1750, 1.400 "

" £180, or \$900, or R1800, 1.440 "

" £185, or \$925, or R1850, 1.480 "

" £190, or \$950, or R1900, 1.520 "

" £195, or \$975, or R1950, 1.560 "

" £200, or \$1000, or R2000, 1.600 "

" £205, or \$1025, or R2050, 1.640 "

" £210, or \$1050, or R2100, 1.680 "

" £215, or \$1075, or R2150, 1.720 "

" £220, or \$1100, or R2200, 1.760 "

" £225, or \$1125, or R2250, 1.800 "

" £230, or \$1150, or R2300, 1.840 "

" £235, or \$1175, or R2350, 1.880 "

" £240, or \$1200, or R2400, 1.920 "

" £245, or \$1225, or R2450, 1.960 "

" £250, or \$1250, or R2500, 2.000 "

" £255, or \$1275, or R2550, 2.040 "

" £260, or \$1300, or R2600, 2.080 "

" £265, or \$1325, or R2650, 2.120 "

" £270, or \$1350, or R2700, 2.160 "

" £275, or \$1375, or R2750, 2.200 "

" £280, or \$1400, or R2800, 2.240 "

" £285, or \$1425, or R2850, 2.280 "

" £290, or \$1450, or R2900, 2.320 "

" £295, or \$1475, or R2950, 2.360 "

" £300, or \$1500, or R3000, 2.400 "

" £305, or \$1525, or R3050, 2.440 "

" £310, or \$1550, or R3100, 2.480 "

" £315, or \$1575, or R3150, 2.520 "

" £320, or \$1600, or R3200, 2.560 "

" £325, or \$1625, or R3250, 2.600 "

" £330, or \$1650, or R3300, 2.640 "

" £335, or \$1675, or R3350, 2.680 "

" £340, or \$1700, or R3400, 2.720 "

" £345, or \$1725, or R3450, 2.760 "

" £350, or \$1750, or R3500, 2.800 "

" £355, or \$1775, or R3550, 2.840 "

" £360, or \$1800, or R3600, 2.880 "

" £365, or \$1825, or R3650, 2.920 "

" £370, or \$1850, or R3700, 2.960 "

" £375, or \$1875, or R3750, 3.000 "

" £380, or \$1900, or R3800, 3.040 "

" £385, or \$1925, or R3850, 3.080 "

" £390, or \$1950, or R3900, 3.120 "

" £395, or \$1975, or R3950, 3.160 "

" £400, or \$2000, or R4000, 3.200 "

" £405, or \$2025, or R4050, 3.240 "

" £410, or \$2050, or R4100, 3.280 "

" £415, or \$2075, or R4150, 3.320 "

" £420, or \$2100, or R4200, 3.360 "

" £425, or \$2125, or R4250, 3.400 "

" £430, or \$2150, or R4300, 3.440 "

" £435, or \$2175, or R4350, 3.480 "

" £440, or \$2200, or R4400, 3.520 "

" £445, or \$2225, or R4450, 3.560 "

" £450, or \$2250, or R4500, 3.600 "

" £455, or \$2275, or R4550, 3.640 "

" £460, or \$2300, or R4600, 3.680 "

" £465, or \$2325, or R4650, 3.720 "

" £470, or \$2350, or R4700, 3.760 "

" £475, or \$2375, or R4750, 3.800 "

" £480, or \$2400, or R4800, 3.840 "

" £485, or \$2425, or R4850, 3.880 "

" £490, or \$2450, or R4900, 3.920 "

" £495, or \$2475, or R4950, 3.960 "

" £500, or \$2500, or R5000, 4.000 "

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" £510, or \$2550, or R5100, 4.080 "

" £515, or \$2575, or R5150, 4.120 "

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" £530, or \$2650, or R5300, 4.240 "

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" £560, or \$2800, or R5600, 4.480 "

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" £605, or \$3025, or R6050, 4.840 "

" £610, or \$3050, or R6100, 4.8